

SATURDAY'S F.A. CUP HIGHLIGHTS



Dylan Evans gives chase as full back Gary Peters sends the ball back to his goalkeeper during the second half.

Bleak day for the non-league clubs

IT was a bleak day for the non-league clubs in the F.A. Cup battles with league opposition on Saturday.

None of them recorded a victory but two at least managed to draw. Pride of place must go to Northern Premier League side Gillingham. They had the toughest tie of the round at Wrexham, the Third Division pacemakers who have met some of the world's best clubs in European football. They went a goal down to Whittle just before half time

but salvaged a draw when Kelly scored in the 89th minute.

Wycombe's fellow Rothmans Isthmian League Leaguers Hitchin also trailed to Swindon at Topheld when Dixon gave the Division Three club a 38th minute lead. But Neil Bunker made sure of a replay when he scored with a header in the 68th minute. There was a near 5,000 crowd at the game — Hitchin's best for some years.

Dave Kemp, the former slough striker signed from Crystal Palace, put Port-

smouth one up against Southern League Minehead and Kanara made it 2-0 on the hour. Minehead fought back with a goal from Leitch after 70 minutes but were unable to snatch a draw.

HAMMERED

Two non-leaguers were put firmly in their place. Nuneaton, fourth in the Southern League, were hammered 6-0 at Lincoln City after trailing 2-0 at half time while Enfield, the

Rothmans Isthmian League champions, crashed 4-0 at Crystal Palace.

Two mistakes by Mick Lowe, the Enfield keeper, gave Palace two goals while former Wanderer Keith Searle missed a good scoring chance early on.

Steve Perrin, another ex-Wycombe player, was in the Palace side and the 4-0 scoreline must have brought doubts about the wisdom of switching the tie from Southbury Road to the Palace. A 13,000 crowd will make Enfield a few bob but their chance of victory must

have been severely affected by the switch.

Hillingdon Borough took a first minute lead in their game against Watford who hit back to go 2-1 up in the second half. A draw looked on the cards when Ryan made it 2-2 in the 51st minute but two minutes from time Coffill clinched Watford's winner.

In the only all non-league game to be played, Kettering got through by the only goal against Tooting. Claydon's 82nd minute effort proving enough to sink the Isthmians.



Wycombe's goalkeeper Ian Pearson is foiled by Reading 'keeper Steve Death during the first half on Saturday.

Bad news for Jack

LEATHERHEAD and Wimbledon, two of the best known of F.A. Cup giant-killers, have a marvellous incentive to reach the third round tonight (Tuesday). The winners of their postponed tie are at home to Middlesbrough on January 8.

'Boro' boss Jack Charlton can hardly be relying on the task after their visit to Wycombe two years ago when they scrambled a 0-0 draw at Loakes Park. Charlton was quoted afterwards as being 'extremely relieved' to have survived and the First Division Club only clinched the replay 1-0 in the 94th minute.

Goole Town, who equalised in the last minute at Wrexham on Saturday, have the chance of a trip to Sunderland if they can win their replay.

Wycombe's conquerors Reading have one of the worst fates of the round, a long journey to Hereford United.

If Hitchin can beat Swindon tonight, they have the chance of a money-spinning visit to Fulham in the third round, although the Third Division club must be fancied to take the replay. Watford, 3-2 winners at Hillingdon, face the possibility of another non-league challenge in the next round. They must travel to the winners of the Northwich-Peterborough tie.

Kettering, who beat Tooting on Saturday, must fancy their chances of a place in round four. They are at home to Colchester or Brentford.

Latest table

ROTHMANS ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Doncaster	22	13	5	4	38	22	44
Wycombe	22	13	4	5	36	21	42
Reading	21	11	4	6	31	45	27
Leatherhead	21	11	3	7	28	16	26
Leamington	21	10	2	9	32	21	20
Tisbury	21	11	2	8	27	22	25
Scunthorpe	22	10	4	8	31	29	24
War stone	21	10	3	8	28	27	23
Leamington	19	8	4	10	26	24	21
Southend	19	9	3	7	28	24	20
Hemel	21	7	3	11	23	32	24
Stamford	20	8	7	5	18	22	23
Southend	20	8	3	11	21	28	21
Southend	21	10	4	7	28	20	20
Woking	19	5	4	10	22	29	19
Barnet	20	4	8	12	20	38	16
Kingston	20	4	4	12	20	37	16
Alford							8



Reading win out in this aerial battle thanks to Gary Peters (left). Number 4 is Gordon Cumming, Reading's captain.



Reading players Paul Bennett, Robin Friday and Stewart Henderson look on anxiously as Steve Death gathers the ball from Dylan Evans and John Priestley.



All set for battle... Keith Mead, the Wanderers skipper, leads his team out before Saturday's match. Goalkeeper John Maskell is behind him.

RAFFLE RAISES £300

WYCOMBE Wanderers Supporters Club has raised a highly creditable £300 from their raffle which they have been running for a month in aid of the Tony Horsemans-John Maskell Testimonial.

Over 3,500 raffle tickets were sold in all and the winning tickets were drawn at the clubhouse on Thursday. A list of winners appears below. First prize was a portable television while there were 10 other prizes.

The proceeds of the raffle will be handed over to the two players at a special disco on Saturday evening.



Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Club members who organised the raffle for the Tony Horsemans-John Maskell Testimonial, pictured with the prizes on Thursday. Left to right: Ron Butterfield, Alan Page, June Hanlon, Alan Goddard, Fred Hanlon, Philip Butterfield, Chris Richardson, Maureen Goddard, Pete Russell, Peter Jammet.